



GRUMPY, WAKE UP!

LAST NIGHT, I HAD THE MOST AMAZING DREAM!



COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THAT AMAZING, GIVEN THAT YOU WOKE UP TO TELL ME ABOUT IT.

I DREAMT THAT WE WERE BOTH SUPERHEROES. THEN I REALIZED... IF THERE CAN BE SUPER PEOPLE, WHY CAN'T THERE BE SUPER PETS?



PROBABLY BECAUSE THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS SUPER ANYTHING--

POKEY, WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT CAPE?

SUPER POKEY

WE'RE GOING TO BE SUPERHEROES, GRUMPY. FROM NOW ON, YOU CAN CALL ME...



DEFENDER OF TRUTH, PROTECTOR OF JUSTICE--

--WEARER OF UNDERPANTS.



YOU'RE NOT A SUPERHERO, POKEY. YOU CAN'T FLY, AND YOU DON'T HAVE LASER VISION. YOU'RE JUST A REGULAR CAT, LIKE ME.

ONLY MORE ANNOYING.



GRUMPY, I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO FLY... YET.

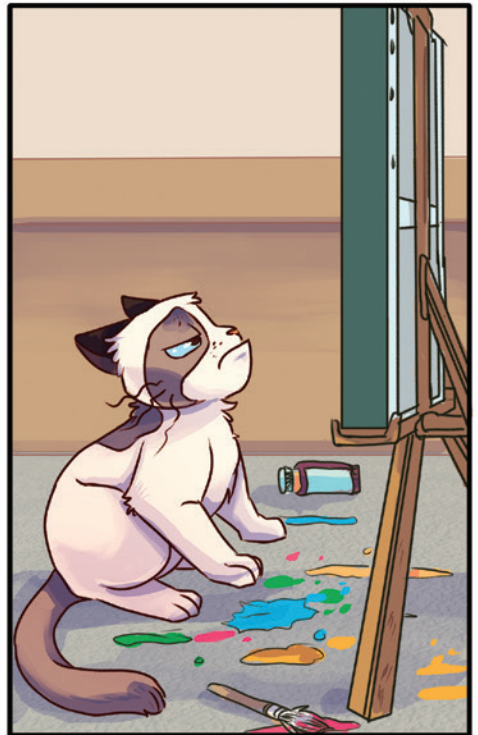
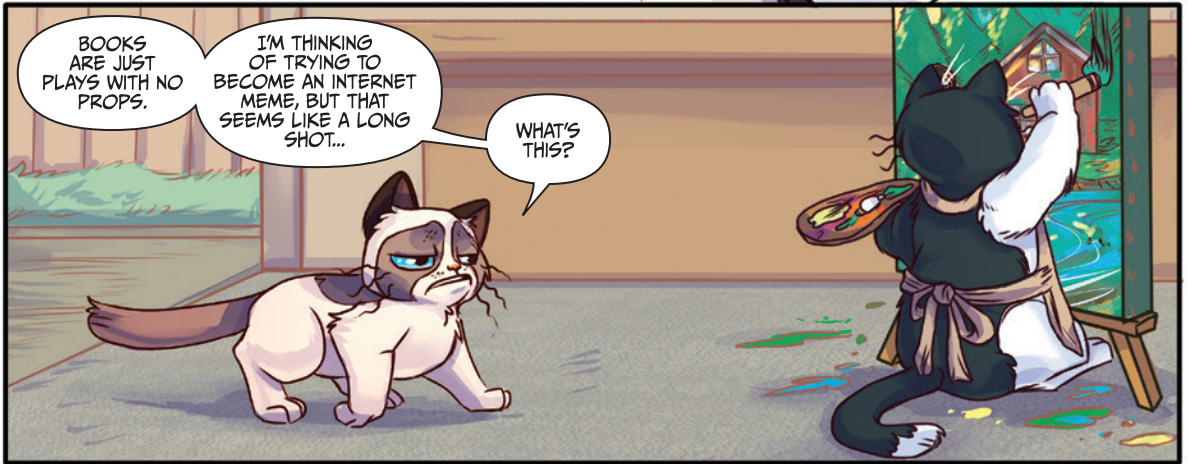
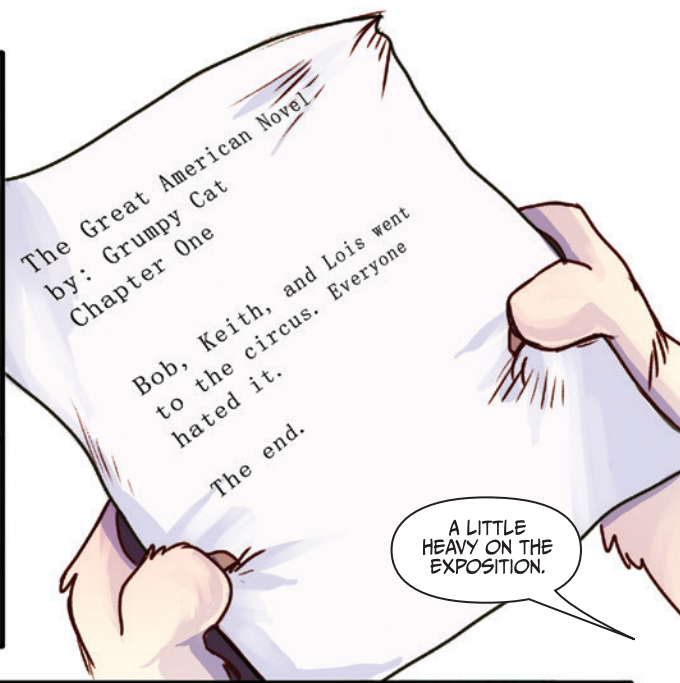


BUT THEY ALWAYS SAY YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT!

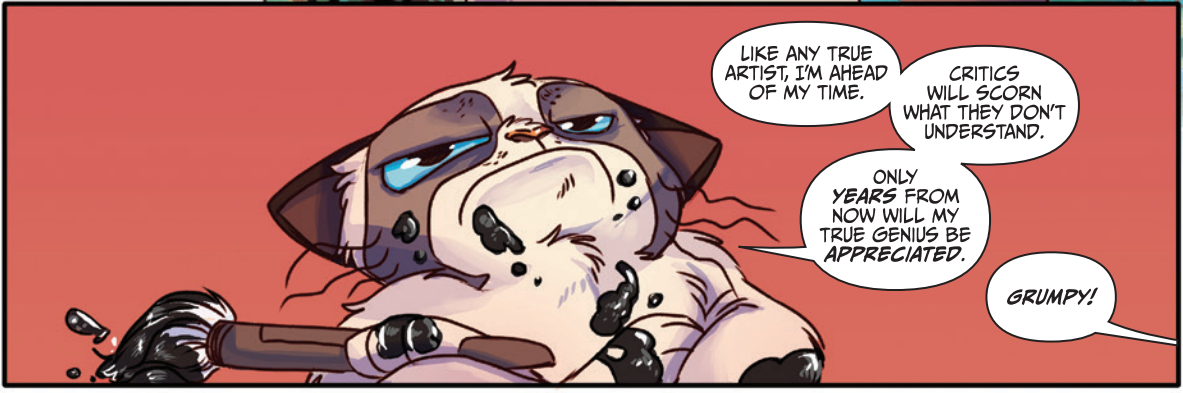


I'M SORRY, POKEY, I WAS WRONG TO DOUBT YOU.

YOU'RE MUCH, MUCH MORE ANNOYING.



JUST A COUPLE EDITORIAL CHANGES ...



LIKE ANY TRUE ARTIST, I'M AHEAD OF MY TIME.

CRITICS WILL SCORN WHAT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND.

ONLY YEARS FROM NOW WILL MY TRUE GENIUS BE APPRECIATED.

GRUMPY!



DO NOT BE ALARMED. THE SHOCK AND DESPAIR YOU ARE FEELING IS ONLY--

I LOVE IT!

GOOD BOY!

DOG LOVES IT, TOO!

THE PYRO by Grumpy



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THE NAME'S GRUMPY.
I'M A GUMSHOE IN
SEARCH OF CLUES...

GOT A BIG MYSTERY
ON MY PAWS, SEE.

A THIEF'S BEEN FLUTTERING
AROUND THESE PARTS, AND
IT'S MY JOB TO CATCH THE
NO-GOOD SCOUNDREL
BEFORE THEY STRIKE AGAIN.

MY PARTNER?
THIS IS POKEY.

HE AIN'T TOO BRIGHT, BUT
THE KID'S GOT HEART.

THE BIG HEART MAKES
HIM CHEERFUL.



MY LEAST FAVORITE
THING ABOUT HIM...



HMM. FOOTPRINTS.
THEY'RE FRESH, TOO.



TOO BIG TO BE A CAT. AND
BESIDES, I SHOODED AWAY
THE NEIGHBORHOOD
FELINES A LONG TIME AGO...

THESE PRINTS BELONG
TO SOMETHING ELSE...
BUT WHAT?

UMM,
GRUMPY...